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1. All Soviet artillery and tank units at the battery and battalion level in Germany are instructed to complete their practice combat firing by 16 July 1950. (In 1949 this firing continued through August and into September.)
 2. A directive of unknown date issued by the Soviet Ministry of the Armed Forces prohibits home leave for all officers called up from the reserves for occupation duty in Germany during 1950. This effects approximately one third of the officers now stationed in Germany.
 3. The directive also prohibits second leaves* for all officers in Germany who are assigned to "special duties". (presumably political assignments, possibly also intelligence work).

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* Comment: As reported para. 1c, Soviet officers in Germany must take leave in the Soviet Union twice yearly; thus this ruling means that officers called up prior to 1950 for duty in Germany must forgo their second leave for this year if they are assigned to special duties.

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